

## Lisa's Answers

1. Everything we have, see, want, or desire is the Lord's.
2. I do not consistently recognize the true ownership of my possessions. I don't know that even in our Christian circles I've ever seen God's ownership of everything specifically talked about. Many will talk about their homes being a gift from God, but not much on possessions beyond that. I do remember in college, one of my best friends was driving her mom's car and rear-ended another car. When she apologized to her mom for wrecking her mom's car the mom was extremely gracious and her response was that it wasn't her car, it was the Lord's car. That has always stuck with me because it is so counter to world's thinking. I hope to better view my daily life through this lens. I think putting these verses in a place where I can see them often can help connect my heart and head about my possessions being the Lord's.
3. All is the Lord's in heaven and on Earth. He is over all and can do as he choose. His power is overflowing and he gives strength.
4. I do regularly recognize the Lord's sovereignty in our daily lives.
5. It can bother me that the wicked person prospers, but I wouldn't say that I get hung up on this idea very often. Reminding myself we are all held accountable to our decisions and actions helps me to move forward and remember God is in control.
6. Remembering God is in control helps make the steps forward, even in challenging circumstances, easier.
7. My early years of teaching were at a public middle school near our home in Atlanta. The job was challenging beyond what I expected – the requirements on my teaching and most heavily the interactions among other faculty members. I walked away from that job at the end of the school year with no idea what the Lord had next. After a lot of 'no's and months of looking, an offer of a job at a Christian school was the answer I had waited for. God used those next years of teaching to renew my joy for teaching that the time in public school had stolen.
8. 'Lack nothing' 'He knows that we need these things' 'Meet all your needs' 'Seek first his kingdom' – My desire to be in-control clouds the truth that the Lord already knows what we need and how to meet those needs for us.
9. 'It is required of stewards that they be found faithful' – steward – a person responsible to take care of something; manage or look after another's property.
10. faithful in very little = faithful in much; dishonest with very little = dishonest in much
11. This verse speaks to the big money decisions and our monthly budget faithfulness, but it doesn't specifically say faithful with money. For me, it's also a reminder that the smaller some-

what, mundane things of each day are also important to be faithful in how those are handled and carried out.

12. If we do not handle other's possessions well, we will miss out on the treasures of heaven. Our narrow perspective keeps us from often seeing this bigger picture.